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1. On 1 November 1950, 35 Czech fighter pilots, commissioned after February 1948, carefully selected and approved by the Communist Party, were flown to Kharkov air base in the USSR for two months training in MIG-15 Soviet jet planes. On completion of the training on 15 January 1951, 30 of the pilots were flown to Czechoslovakia in a transport plane while five piloted MIG-15 jets, three landing at Prostejov airfield and two at Prague-Kbely airfield.

2. During January 1951, 40 MIG-15 planes arrived in Czechoslovakia by rail via Cierna nad Tisou. Of these 25 were shipped to Prague-Letnany airfield and 15 to Prostejov. On 16 December 1950, three MIG-15 planes landed at Prague-Kbley airfield piloted by the following Czech fliers:

1st Lt. Karel Vokac,

1st Lt. Josef Vachal,

1st Lt. Zdenek Vejvoda

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